Ex-gratia assistance to sterilisation victims

736. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested the Government of India to enhance the amount of ex-gratia assistance to be paid to the legal heir in case of death of a person accepting sterilisation; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra has requested for increase of amount of ex-gratia financial assistance from Rs. 10,000/- to 30,000 to the legal heirs of the acceptors of sterilisation|IUD who die as a result of these operations. The matter is under consideration of the Government of India.

Crash involving IAF Aircraft|Helicopters

737. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of IAF aircraft and helicopters crashed during the last three years, the year-wise figures;

(b) what are the reasons for such crashes; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to prevent these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) This information is of classified nature and cannot be diclosed in the public interest.

(b) There are three main reasons: (i) technical failure/defects, (ii) human error, and (iii) bird strikes.

(c) A statement is annexed. (*See below*).

Statement

A number of steps have been taken to reduce these accidents, which is an ongoing process. Every accident is thoroughly investigated by a Court of Inquiry consisting of specialists from IAF, Ministry of Defence and representatives of the manufacturers. Based on their findings and recommendations necessary remedial action is taken wherever called for. In addition, the steps taken to reduce accidents due to human error, technical defect and bird strike are given below:—

Human Error

(i) The training pattern has been modified and a new syllabi has been introduced with emphasis on advanced operational training exercises.

(ii) The training syllabi have been reviewed in depth to ensure that junior pilots are introduced to high work load| high risk exercise in a progressive/regulated manner. Standards for each phase of training have been set and are being monitored.

(iii) Radio and Navigational aids are being given particular attention. Mandatory requirement of essential aids at airfields has been defined.

(iv) Appropriate instructions have been issued to ensure that medical factors like aircrew fatigue and hypoglycemia do not contribute to accidents.

(v) Instrument flying training and night flying training have been reviewed to meet operational requirements by day and night.

(vi) Setting and quantification of flying training standards in flying training establishments have been established.

(vii) A system of monitoring training standards and standards of Qualified Flying Instructors has been introduced.

Technical defect

(i) Accidents due to design or manufacturing deficiencies are brought to the notice of the manufacturers for introducing modifications in aircraft. Pending such modifications, short term remedial measures in consultation with them, are expeditiously implemented.

(ii) Technical type Training Schools are being set up for various types of aircraft. Technicians will be given extended training on particular aircraft types.

(iii) Setting and quantification of standards in technical training establishment has been undertaken.

(iv) The Crew Chief System of aircraft servicing has been introduced on a trial basis.

(v) The training period for Branch Commissioned Officers has been extended to include technical and management education.

(vi) Wing Maintenance has been restructured and percentage of untrained technicians reduced.

(vii) Experienced Supervisors have been placed In-charge of aircraft servicing repairs, and team of technicians forward to service particular aircraft.

Bird strike:

(i) Airfield Environment Management Committees have been set up under the Chairmanship of the concerned Collector/Distt. Magistrate to take necessary steps to keep the environment around airfields safe for flying

(ii) Bird hazard combat teams have been established on experimental basis at 5 selected airfields. These teams report bird activity to pilots and also kill/scare away the birds.

(iii) Use of bird watches at airfields to keep pilots informed about bird activity in the airfield circuit areas.

(iv) Publicity drive by means of radio, TV, newspapers and posters is being undertaken to educate the general public about bird hazard to aircraft and necessity to maintain clean environment around airfields.

(v) The State Governments and local bodies are being regularly contacted to take steps for sanitisation of areas outside the perimeter of Defence airfields.

सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण के लिए किये गये प्रावधान

738. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान :** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण के लिए कितनी राशि का प्रावधान किया गया था और 31 जनवरी, 1989 तक इस मद पर कितनी राशि खर्च की गयी और राजस्थान में इस मद पर अब तक कितनी राशि खर्च की गयी ;

(ख) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कितने व्यक्तियों को परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम के अधीन लाने का लक्ष्य था और 31 जनवरी, 1989 तक कितने प्रतिशत लक्ष्य प्राप्त किया गया और इस कार्यक्रम के अधीन कुल कितने व्यक्तियों को लाया गया और सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राजस्थान के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया था और 31 जनवरी 1989 तक कितने व्यक्तियों को परिवार नियोजन अपनाया ;

(ग) सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने तथा परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम को अधिक लोकप्रिय बनाने तथा इस संबध में महिलाओं को शिक्षित करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं; और

(घ) क्या सरकार चीन की भांति, जिसने अपने यहां जनसंख्या वृद्धि पर सफलतापूर्वक काबू पा लिया है, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान जनसंख्या वृद्धि को रोकने के लिए कोई विशिष्ट योजना अथवा कोई कानून बनाने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?